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OFFICERS FOR 1883.

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" SIMON GATLIN,
BRO. M. L. MATHEWSON, CLERK.

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ELDERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.			LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST OFFICES.		
Rev. S. A. Davis..	Washington,	N. C.	Bro Austin Hyman	Scotland Neck,	N. C
" W. H. Culley	Woodbrigde,	"	" G. L. Williams,	Martin county,	"
" C. C. Lawson	New Berne,	"	" Martin Lawson	New Berne,	"
" Chas. Smith,	Scotland Neck,	"	" T. J. Johnson...	Scotland Neck,	"
" Eli Moore.....	South Creek,	"	" Jesse James.....		
" G. Blount.....	Washington,	"	" Silas Yelloby....	Greenville,	"
" J. Ward.....	Washington,	"	" C. G. Williams	Hamilton,	"
" A. F. Flood...	Greenville,	"	" Lemon Hayes...	Pactolas,	"
" Sim'n Gatlin	New Berne,	"	" Jesse Payton....	Pactolas,	"
" N. B. Davis...	Rocky Mount,	"	" Jos. L. Rowls....	Halifax county,	"
" H. E Pelham	New Berne,	"	" Exum Waldin..	Halifax,	"
" E. Nicholls,	Hamilton,	"	" Hamp. Smith...	Rich Square,	"
" S. T. Statin...	Tarboro,	"	" Walter Hardy..	Avon,	"
" Thos. Earket	Palmyra,	"	" M L Mathewson	Tarboro,	"
" H Roundtree	Greenville,	"	" Ned Smith.....	Scotland Neck,	"
" J. Redmon...	"	"	" W. Thornton....	" "	"
" A. Roberson	"	"	" H. Chapman....		
" Nelson Ward	Scotland Neck,	"	" Giles Nixon.....	Core Creek,	"
" W. R. Tharp	Tarboro,	"	" Carmel Baker...	Scotland Neck,	"
" Simon Pugh	Scotland Neck,	"	" Sylvester Todd	Greenville,	"
" W. A. Bryant	Kingston,	"	" Elis'a Johnson	Scotland Neck,	"
" Has'l Moore..	Washington,	"	" J. H. Johnson...	Tarboro,	"
J. T. Scott.....	Tarboro,	"	" Henry Sparrow	Tarboro,	"
" S. Ellerson...	Falkland to'nship	"	" T. S. Evans.....	Scotland Neck,	"
" Tony Canidy	New Berne,	"			

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

W. R. Tharp,
Giles Moye,
Thomas Moye,
Cornelius Yates,
Hamrick Williams
Isaac Willis,
M. L. Mathewson,
M. G. Pittman,
Offee Bell,
Redmon Grimes,
James Stevenson,
Simon Pugh,
George Foyce,
Brown Lawson,
W. H. Culley,
Amos Elks,
Warren King,
Henry Little,
Nelson Ward,
Lennon Bennett,
H. E. Pelham,
Isaac S. Lawson,
Charles Smith,
Nefferson Clark,
Johnson Teele,
Mack Hill,
C. C. Baker,
Alfred Smith,
Weldon Thornton,
George W. Brown,
T. J. Johnson,
Henry Hill,
Thomas Earket,
Lawrence James,
Austin Shields,
Simon Gatlin,
Giles Nixon,
S. A. Davis,
Elisha Johnson,
John H. Spruell,
James A. Boyd,
William Hattin,
Ephraim Reeves,
George E. Foreman
Neptune Foreman,
Henry Simmons,
George Taylor,
Columbus Tharp,
Jacob Williams,
Irwin Williams,
A. F. Flood,
S. T. Staton,
Drewry Freeman,
Armstead Green,
Thomas Drake,
J. R. Reed,
Dempsy Horne,
Anderson Roberson
Thomas Gray,
Henry Chapman,
Boston Austin,
Nat. Weaver,
Nelson Tharp.
J. G. Hill.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

St. Paul's Church, Tarboro, N. C.,
September 28th, 1882.

The Eastern Baptist Association convened this day in its 16th annual session, with the St. Paul's Baptist Church, Tarboro, Edgecombe county, Rev. S. A. Davis, pastor.

The Moderator, Rev. W. H. Culley, called the Association to order at half-past ten o'clock, making a short and appropriate address, which was responded to by the pastor, Rev. S. A. Davis, welcoming the Association to this place, our homes and firesides; after which Rev. Anderson Roberson was introduced to preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. C. C. Lawson not being present to fill the appointment. Hymn 724—"Once more we meet to pray," &c. Reading the Scriptures and prayer by Rev. H. Roundtree. Elder Roberson then read as his text the 11th verse of the 3rd chapter of the first epistle of Paul to the Corinthians—"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ,"—which was ably handled, from a logical standpoint, and seemed to give ample satisfaction. After which the subject was closed by Elder Roundtree in a brief manner.

The roll of churches was then called in their order, and names of delegates enrolled, twenty-one churches answering roll-call.

The Association then proceeded to organization. Bros. W. G. Pittman and M. L. Mathewson were appointed to conduct the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Rev. W. H. Culley, Moderator; Bro. G. C. Caine, Clerk; Bro. M. G. Pittman, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. S. A. Davis, Treasurer.

The election of officers being over, a committee of three was appointed on hours of session, viz: Bros. M. G. Pittman, C. C. Baker and T. J. Johnson. After which the Association took a recess until half-past two o'clock.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Evening Session.

The Association met at the appointed time, and was called to order by the Moderator, singing hymn 3rd. Prayer by Rev. N. B. Davis. The Moderator then announced the Association ready for business.

Roll called.

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

The following committees were then appointed :

On Religious Exercises—Rev. S. A. Davis, Bros. Offee Bell, Redmon Grimes.

On Finance—Bros. M. G. Pittman, T. J. Johnson, C. C. Baker.

On Education—Bros. M. D. Mathewson, M. G. Pittman, Weldon Thornton.

On Time and Place of Next Association—Revs. A. F. Flood, N. B. Davis, Bro. Giles Moye.

On Sabbath Schools—Bros. Thomas Moye, Isaac S. Lawson, Rev. W. R. Tharp.

On Grievances—Revs. Anderson Roberson, W. R. Tharp, S. A. Davis.

On Obituary—Bro. C. C. Baker, Revs. C. C. Lawson, Nelson Ward.

On Selection of Executive Committee—Revs. W. H. Culley, Tony Cannady, Nelson Ward.

The Committee on Hours of Session reported as follows: Meet at 9:30 o'clock a. m., adjourn at 12 m., meet at 2 o'clock p. m., adjourn at 4 p. m., meet at 7:30 p. m., adjourn at pleasure.

The report was, on motion, adopted.

An invitation was then extended to corresponding delegates and visitors. Rev. J. T. Scott then came forward as a visitor and was made welcome.

On motion, petitionary letters were called for.

A letter from St. James' Temple was presented, asking admission into the Association, which was read, Rev. J. T. Scott, pastor, in charge of said church. Number of delegates, three ; amount of church funds, $1.

On motion, the letter was received and the church enrolled on the list of churches.

There being no other letters presented, the following brethren were, on motion, appointed as corresponding delegates to the New Berne and Hickory Grove Associations: Revs. H. E. Pelham and Gansy Blount.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported: Rev. C. C. Lawson preach to-night at this church. The report was adopted.

The names of churches not present at the morning session were then called. Pending the call, the hour of adjournment

having arrived, benediction was pronounced by the Moderator.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met on time, Vice-Moderator, W. R. Tharp, in the chair. Rev. C. C. Lawson with Rev. Henry Roundtree, occupying the stand, introduced the services by reading and singing hymn 619. Read the 19th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. Anderson Roberson. The choir then followed in that familiar old tune—"On Jordan's stormy banks I stand," &c. Rev. C. C. Lawson then preached from the 72nd Psalm and 8th verse—"He shall have dominion also from sea to sea," &c., which was ably handled from a logical standpoint. Music by the choir, during which a collection was taken up amounting to $4.58. After which, the right hand of fellowship was extended to Rev. J. T. Scott. Visitors and delegates were then cared for. Benediction by Rev. Simon Pugh.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, Sept. 29th, 1882.

The Association met at the appointed hour, and was called to order by Rev. A. F. Flood, who was apointed to conduct the devotional exercises. Hymn 1240. Prayer by Elder H. Simmons. The Moderator then announced the Association ready for business.

Roll called.

Minutes of the previous evening session were read and adopted, after which the following brethren were invited to seats; E. E. Smith, editor of the *Carolina Enterprise*, R. C. Crenshaw, and Rev. Anderson Boone, of the Neuse River Association.

Rev. H. G. Foster came forward and petitioned the Association for membership, which was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

A letter from Hickory Hill Church, Greenville, was presented, asking admission into the Association.

On motion, the letter was laid on the table, until Rev. N. B. Davis made his report concerning said church, he having been appointed by the Association to advise with the

church. After hearing his report, the matter was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The hour having arrived for adjournment, benediction was pronounced by the Moderator.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met on time and was called to order by Rev. Anderson Roberson, who was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises. Hymn 652. Prayer by Rev. S. T. Statin.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The following letters were referred to the Committee on Grievances: First Baptist Church, Toisnot, and St. Mark's Church, Edgecombe.

Rev. J. H. Washington, of the New Berne Association, having just arrived, was invited to a seat, after which he addressed the Association, in a brief manner, as corresponding delegate, bringing peace, union and fellowship to the Association.

The Executive Committee made their report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Time and Place made their report, which was adopted.

The Treasurer then presented his report, which was also adopted.

A communication was read from the A. M. E. Church, asking the Association to supply their pulpit on Sunday morning and evening, which request was complied with.

The hour having arrived for adjournment, benediction was pronounced by the Moderator.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met on time, Vice-Moderator in the chair, Revs. A. Boone and A. Roberson occupying the stand. Rev. Anderson Roberson introduced the services by reading and singing hymn 984—"Come let us join our friends above,"—reading the 146th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. M. Brown. After singing by the choir, Rev. A. Boone used as his text the 14th chapter of St. John and 6th verse—"I am the way, the truth

and the life." The subject was well treated, and the congregation seemed to have been spiritually aroused. Rev. Miles Brown then closed in a brief manner, and while the choir was rendering some of its choicest music, a collection of $5.75 was taken up. Delegates and visitors were then carred for.

The right hand of fellowship was then extended to the delegates of new churches.

A leave of absence was granted to the following brethren for the remainder of the session: Bros. James A. Boyd, Ephraim Reeves, William Hattin, Warren King, Amos Elks, Jerome Ward, Johnson Teele, Reubin Clark, Giles Moye, Thomas Moye, C. H. Ham, McHill.

Adjournment being in order, benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. G. Foster.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, Sept. 30th, 1882.

The Association met on time, and was called to order by Rev. Henry Simmons, who was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises, reading and singing hymn 484. Prayer by Rev. Henry Roundtree.

Roll called.

The various committees made their several reports, which were received and adopted.

Bro. M. D. Mathewson made a complaint against Rev. Simon Ellerson, which was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

Several resolutions were offered, which were received and adopted.

On motion, the Clerk and Corresponding Secretary were donated $5 each for laborious services.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, benediction was pronounced by the Moderator.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met, was called to order by Rev. Anderson Roberson, who was appointed to conduct the devotional

exercises, reading and singing hymn 491. Prayer by Rev. Nelson Ward.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Committee on Selection of an Executive Board reported the following Board: Revs. W. R. Tharp, S. A. Davis, A. F. Flood, Simon Pugh and Simon Gatlin, and Bro. M. D. Mathewson, as Clerk of said Board, which was received and adopted.

An amendment to the 11th Article of the Constitution was offered by the Committee on Education, and after some sharp debate, was adopted.

The question then arose concerning the representation of the Association in the State Convention, and after some debate, it was agreed not to represent this year, as the Association was heavily in debt; whereupon, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Convention.

The Executive Board reported that there was a balance due Rev. W. R. Tharp of $70.73 for missionary labor.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay $45.00 of the above amount due Rev. W. R. Tharp.

The Clerk was ordered to have 1600 minutes printed.

On motion, Rev. Henry Simmons was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next annual Association; Rev. W. H. Culley, Missionary Sermon; Rev. Gransy Blount, Temperance Sermon; Rev. W. R. Tharp, Educational Sermon.

The hour having arrived for adjournment, benediction was pronounced by the Moderator.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association met on time, Vice-Moderator in the chair. Rev. H. G. Foster with Rev. H. Roundtree, occupying the pulpit, introduced the services by singing hymn 50th. Read the 15th chapter of St. John. Prayer by Rev. A. F. Flood. Rev. H. Roundtree then read as his text the 15th verse of the 7th chapter of St. Mark—"There is nothing from without a man that entering into him can defile him," &c., after which Elder Foster closed in a few but forcible remarks. While the choir sang, a collection was taken up to the amount of $6.79.

The right hand of fellowship was then extended Bros. Simon Ellerson and Tony Cannady.

There being no further business, the Association adjourned, to meet with the Kehukee Church, Halifax county, N. C., Thursday before the first Lord's Day in October, 1883.

W. H. CULLEY, MODERATOR.

G. C. CAINE, *Clerk.*

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES.

MISSIONARY SERMON.

At an early hour a large congregation began to assemble, and at 9:30 o'clock the services began. Rev. Anderson Roberson, assisted by Rev. H. Culley, preached from the 16th chapter of St. Mark and 15th verse—"And he said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Rev. N. B. Davis closed the services, and amid good-byes and hand-shakings the multitude began to disperse.

APPENDIX.

RESOLUTIONS, REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, &c.

RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks be tendered the St. Paul's Church and citizens of Tarboro, for their generous hospitality shown the Association.

BY GEORGE E. FOREMAN.

RESOLVED, That this Association have sixteen hundred minutes printed and distributed among the churches. BY REV. SIMON GATLIN.

WHEREAS, The Almighty has seen fit, in His divine providence, to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Jacob Smith, since the last Association: be it

RESOLVED, That we, the ministers and delegates comprising the Association, bow in humble submission to the will of God, who doeth all things well, and believe that our loss is his eternal gain.

RESOLVED, further, That we extend our heartfelt sympathies to his bereaved family, and that these resolutions go upon the face of the minutes of this Association.

C. C. BAKER,
C. C. LAWSON,
NELSON WARD.

WHEREAS, An educated ministry is greatly needed in our midst: be it

RESOLVED, That the 11th Article of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 11. No difficulty existing between churches, or in a church, shall be heard by this Association until gospel steps have been fully taken, outside of this body, to settle the difficulty, and this Association, and churches comprising the same, will not license nor ordain any pastor or persons to preach the gospel who is not perfectly qualified.

M. D. MATHEWSON,
M. G. PITTMAN.

We, your Committee on Time and Place, recommend that the Association hold its next session with the Kehukee Church, Halifax county, N. C., on Thursday before the first Lord's Day in October, 1883, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

GILES MOYE,
N. B. DAVIS,
A. F. FLOOD.

We, your Committeee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

Received at this session Associational Funds	$ 95 60
Sabbath School	6 05
State Missions	5 00
Foreign Missions	3 91
Unaccounted	10

M. G. PITTMAN,
C. C. BAKER,
T. J. JOHNSON.

Report of Treasurer for the year ending September 28th, 1882.

Received at last session					$125 14
October	1st,	paid	Rev. W. R. Tharp	$40 00	
"	"	"	G. C. Caine	6 00	
"	8th	"	for Foreign Misssions	10 54	
Nov.	5th	"	Printing Minutes	25 60	
"	"	"	Postage on same	5 00	
"	"	"	G. C. Caine	12 00	
					98 84
Balance on hand					$ 26 30

S. A. DAVIS.

We, your Committee on Grievances, beg leave to report as follows: In the matter concerning Rev. H. G. Foster, we recommend that he be received as a member of this Association. In the matter of the First Baptist Church, Toisnot, we recommend that the letter be returned and the church call a ministerial council. In the matter of the First Baptist Church, Town Creek, we find it in gospel order, and recommend that it be received in the Association. We also recommend St. Mark's Church as in good standing and that she be received in the Association. We also carefully considered the matter of Hickory Hill Church, Greenville, and the Sycamore Hill Church. The Deacons of both churches agreed to settle the matter, and the Hickory Hill Church to meet the Sycamore Hill Church on the third Sunday in October, and upon this agreement we recommend the Hickory Hill Church for membership. In the matter

of Rev. Simon Ellerson, upon his acknowledgment, the matter was deferred and he cautioned against the second offence, Respectfully submitted,

REV. A. ROBERSON,
" W. R. THARP,
" S. A. DAVIS.

REVISED CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Old Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ't Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strics conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of Ministers and Delegates who shall be entitled to seats in the Association—each church being entitled to three Delegates.

ART. 4. The Delegates from each Church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the Church.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members, by a majority of members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on every question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the deciding vote in case of a tie ; but in case of dissatisfaction with the decision of the Moderator, an appeal may be taken therefrom.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and supervise the printing and distribution of same among the Churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the Churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same by order of the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9. This Association shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five, nor more than seven members, which committee shall have supervision of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall also have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during the intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for the same, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings. They shall also have power to revoke the credentials of any Elder of this Association who may be found to be out of gospel order, and shall cause the same to be published in other Associations of same faith and order.

ART. 10. Any Church that is a member of this body, that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after gospel steps have been taken legally to reclaim her, and she still persists in her course, shall no longer be a member of this body, and the reasons in full shall be published in the Minutes ; furthermore, any Church failing to be represented by letter, delegate or delegates, two successive years, shall be visited with a suitable admonition, and if she neglects to attend the third year, she shall be dropped from the Association.

ART. 11. No difficulty existing between Churches, or in a Church, shall be

heard by this Association until Gospel steps have been fully taken, outside this body, to settle the difficulty.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached at each annual meeting an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, also a Missionary and a Temperance sermon.

ART. 14. When any Church comprising this body or Association grants a brother license and he becomes corrupt, his license shall be revoked, and no Elder nor Licentiate shall be allowed to invite him in their pulpits to preach.

ART. 15. Hiscock's Parliamentary Practice shall govern this body.

ART. 16. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session of this body by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Rules of Order.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of absence, a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak, shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded, shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer. and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subject shall be admitted to its consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

Rules of Decorum for the Churches.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who evince a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference the Pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem.*, who shall open the Conference by devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall arise and address the Moderator by the appellation of *brother*, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission of the Church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instruction of our Lord, (Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses) and public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be subject to discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question can be reconsidered upon the motion of any one who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote; shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate, may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are strictly observed.

12. The Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

RESOLVED, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that comprise this body.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. Churches.	Constituted.	Names of Churches.	WHEREABOUTS.		PASTORS.	Sabbaths of Preaching.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Let'r	Restored.	Dis. by Letter	Ex'm'u'cat'd	Deaths.	Male Memb'rs	Female Mem.	Total Membership.	Asso. Fund.	State Missi'ns	For. Missions	Sun. School Scholars.	S.S. Teachers.	Sab. S. Funds.
1	.....	Sycamore Hill..	Greenville,	Pitt	W. R. Tharp	.....	11	...	...	...	6	4	.....	.....	232	$ 5 00	$.....	$.....	225	8	.....
2	.....	Ebenezer	South Creek,	Beaufort "	W. R. Tharp	.....	2	...	5	...	5	...	20	27	47	2 00	.....	.....	44	2	.....
3	.....	Wine Creek.....	Blount's Creek.,	"	W. H. Moore	.....	.....	1	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	22	1 50	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
4	.....	St. Paul's.....	Tarboro,	Edgecombe "	S. A. Davis...	2&4	12	4	...	2	18	5	.....	.....	348	5 00	2 00	.....	150	10	75
5	.....	White Oak.....	Nelson Cross Roads,	Pitt "	S. A. Davis...	.....	11	...	...	...	5	3	.....	.....	105	3 00	.....	.....	38	2	.....
6	.....	Mt. Zion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	...	2	...	...	...	21	29	50	1 50	25	25	50	2	1 00
7	.....	Green's Chapel..	Jackson's Creek.	Craven "	W. H. Culley..	.....	.....	1	...	...	.....	1	31	66	97	5 00	1 00	1 50	115	6	1 00
8	.....	Phillippie	.....	.....Pitt "	A. Roberson...	....	10	...	...	...	4	...	.....	.....	72	2 50	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
9	.....	Triumph.	.....	.....Pitt "	S. A. Davis.....	.....	1	...	...	...	3	2	.....	.....	44	1 50	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
10	.....	End Street.....	.....	.....Halifax "	Nelson Ward..	1&2	4	...	1	...	3	...	7	17	24	1 50	.....	.....	70	3	.....
11	.....	Little Witness...	Havelock,	Craven "	W. H. Culley..	1	4	1	...	...	3	1	22	34	56	2 00	.....	81	.....	...	.....
12	.....	Craven Corner..	.....	.....Craven "	W. H. Culley..	2	.....	3	2	2	...	...	30	45	75	2 50	50	.....	60	6	.....
13	.....	Lit'l Macedonia	New Berne,	"	H. E. Pelham	1	1	...	...	5	6	1	4	2	6	50	.....	.....	10	1	.....
14	.....	Rio Grande.....	"	" "	C. C. Lawson	.....	4	8	...	2	3	1	.....	.....	63	1 50	.....	.....	51	2	.....
15	.....	Kehukee.....	Scotland Neck	Halifax "	Charles Smith	3	52	...	12	1	1	8	250	387	637	14 00	.....	.....	125	5	40
16	.....	St. Mary's.....	Grindal Creek,	Pitt "	.....	1	1	...	...	...	.....	1	.....	.....	48	1 50	25	25	.....	...	.....
17	.....	Mary's Chapel...	Scotland Neck	Halfax "	Nelson Ward	.....	44	...	1	...	3	4	90	156	246	9 50	.....	.....	150	12	.....
18	.....	Black Creek.....	Havelock,	Craven "	W. H. Culley..	.....	.....	14	1	...	.....	...	16	25	41	60	.....	40	.....	...	.....
19	.....	Mt. Gilbert..	.....	.....Halifax "	A. Boon.....	.....	23	...	...	...	2	4	.....	.....	156	2 50	.....	.....	62	2	25
20	.....	Cherry's Chapel	Haywood Fork,	Halifax "	Thos. Earket	4	5	...	2	...	1	1	.....	.....	86	3 00	.....	.....	50	4	.....
21	.....	Mt. Moriah.....	Core Creek.	Craven "	Simon Gatlin	.....	2	3	...	1	1	1	.....	.....	47	1 50	.....	.....	15	1	15
22	.....	Corinthian.....	Washington,	Beaufort "	S. A. Davis.....	1	3	...	5	...	.....	1	.....	.....	50	1 50	50	.....	50	2	.....
23	.....	Jones' Chapel...	Palmyra	Halifax "	E. Nichols....	.....	6	...	...	1	.....	2	.....	...	80	3 00	.....	.....	28	2	.....
24	.....	Antioch,.....	.....	.....Halliax "	Nelson Ward	1	8	...	...	...	1	...	14	24	38	2 00	.....	.....	62	3	.....
25	.....	Williams' Chap	Scotland Neck	"	A. Boon.....	1	8	...	2	...	2	2	34	26	60	2 00	.....	.....	59	3	.....
26	.....	St. Peter's.....	Pactolas,	Pitt "	A. F. Flood....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	8	26	34	1 50	.....	.....	30	2	80
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28	.....	True Witness....	Washington,	Beaufort "	R.H Simmons	.....	...	1	...	...	2	1	...	.....	12	1 45	.....	.....	.....	...	20
29	.....	Corinth.....	.....	.....Craven "	Simon Gatlin	2&4	...	4	...	...	1	...	10	14	24	2 00	.....	.....	25	2	.....
30	.....	Union Chapel...	.....	.....Edgecombe "	Thos. Earket..	1	3	...	1	...	3	...	7	18	25	1 75	.....	25	15	3	.....
31	.....	Rock Peter.....	.....	.....Pitt "	Simon Gatlin	....	2	1	...	...	...	...	10	19	29	1 25	.....	.....	28	4	75
35	.....	St. Francis.....	.....	.....Martin "	Nelson Ward	.....	1	1	...	...	...	1	4	5	9	75	.....	.....	29	2	.....
33	.....	St. John's,.....	.....	.....Pitt "	A. F. Flood.....	2	3	1	1	...	.....	...	3	15	18	1 50	.....	.....	45	2	.....

34	.....	Cherry Hill.....	.....Edgecombe	county.	S. T. Statin....	3	...	...	...	...	14	3	23	49	72	1 00	50	50	25	4	.....
35	.....	Batt's Chapel.....	.....	" "	CharlesSmith	.....	7	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	24	1 30	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
36	.....	Jas., Mt. Pilgrim	.....Martin	"	S. T. Statin.....	2	4	...	2	...	4	1	...	...	22	50	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
37	.....	Hayes' Chapel....	Pactolas, Pitt	"	A. Roberson..	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	8	12	1 00	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
38	.....	1st Bap. Church..	Swan Ck., Edgecombe	"	H. G. Foster...	.....	3	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	16	1 50	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
39	.....	Mt. Perry*.....	.....	" "	Thos. Earket..	2	...	3	...	...	2	...	5	4	9	1 00	10	.....	12	1	25
40	.....	St. Jas'. Temple*	.....	" "	J. T. Scott.	2	31	...	...	...	5	...	12	19	31	1 00	.....	.....	50	5	.....
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42	Aug. 1881	Hickory Hill*....	Greenville, Pitt	"	N. B. Lavis....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	2 00	.....	.....	72	3	50
43	.....	Johnanson†.....	.....	....Martin "	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
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